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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 20, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

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U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/667,706

Our Ref: WAK.065

Dear Examiner Owens:

Enclosed is an Amendment which is responsive to the August 20, 2003 Office Action, and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration of this case.

Very truly yours

Phillip E. Miller

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